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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2002. A two-month extension of time being filed herewith. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectively requested in light of the proposed amendments and remarks filed below.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before FIELD OF THE INVENTION, please amend as indicated

CROSS REFERENCE

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This is a continuation-in-part of under 35 U.S.C. §120 of Patent Applications Serial Nos. 09/107,561, filed June 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,149,636; 09/106,225, filed June 29, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,186,991; and 08/970,508, filed November 14, 1997 now U.S. Patent No. 5,957,906; and claims priority to